

MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION
OFFICIAL ORDER NO. 00-01-GF

DATE: February 17, 2000

DATE EFFECTIVE: February 17, 2000

DATE BOARD APPROVAL: March 23, 2000

SUBJECT: Increase in required surveillance period as part of the efforts of the Montana Department of Livestock to prevent and/or eradicate Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in Montana.

STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION: § 81-2-102, 81-1,1303, 81-2-704, 87-4-422, Montana Code Annotated, and § 32.3.103, 32-3-104, 32.3.105, 32.3.116, Administrative Rules of Montana.

ORDERED BY: Arnold A. Gertonson, D.V.M., State Veterinarian

REVIEWED BY: Marc Bridges, Executive Officer, Department of Livestock

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE SET FORTH ABOVE, UNTIL AMENDED BY STATUTE, RULE, OR OFFICIAL ORDER, THE SURVEILLANCE PERIOD REQUIRED BY § 32.4.1309(2)(c) IS EXTENDED FROM TWELVE (12) MONTHS AND, AS SUBSEQUENTLY EXTENDED BY ORDER OF THE STATE VETERINARIAN ON NOVEMBER 9, 1999, FROM TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS TO SIXTY (60) MONTHS AS FOLLOWS:

FROM: 2(c) The exporting herd has participated in a CWD surveillance program that meets the department's requirements for a minimum of 12 months prior to importation into Montana.

TO: 2(c) The exporting herd has participated in as CWD surveillance program that meets the department's requirements for 60 months prior to importation into Montana.

ADDITIONAL: (1) This ORDER supercedes the Order of the State Veterinarian, dated November 9, 1999, which extended the surveillance period from 12 to 24 months.
(2) The Department of Livestock bases this Order requiring a 60 month surveillance period for game farm cervids on the most recent scientific evidence developed by leading CWD experts suggesting that 60 months is the minimal period of time that game farm cervids should be surveilled. The Department intends to remain in communication with CWD experts and recognizes that, as further scientific evidence is developed in this regard, further extensions in the required surveillance period may become necessary.